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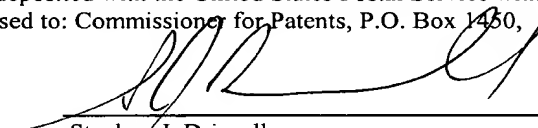
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 18, 2004**

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed timely in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The applicants also hereby petition the commissioner for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time through Monday, September 20, 2004. This commission is authorized to charge fees associated with this petition and with this application in general to the undersign's credit card in accordance with the attached authorization form.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Argument** begin on page 11 of this paper.